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September 18, 2006

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, LAKE BISTINEAU
FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EMPRESA ENERGY, L.P. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, in the Lake Bistineau Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated HOSS RC SUA.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate an operator of, and unit well for, the proposed unit as may be appropriate.
5. To propose that future wells drilled to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, within or outside of the unit proposed herein be located no closer than 660 feet to any unit boundary and no closer than 2000 feet to any other well permitted to or completed in the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C.
6. To define the Hosston Formation, Reservoir C, as the gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the measured depths of 5,983 feet and 8,380 feet in the Empresa Energy LP--Waites 21 No. 1 Well, located in Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 9 West, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

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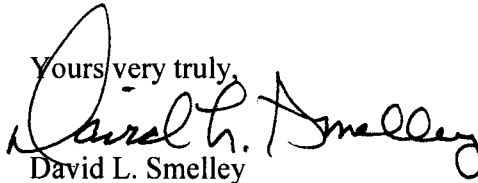
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated September 5, 2006, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set September 28, 2006, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received within ten (10) days after the date of said letter; accordingly, no pre-application conference will be held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the unit plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Lake Bistineau Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley
--- Attorney for Empresa Energy, L.P.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Jeff Elkin (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Mr. Jim Dodson (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

